Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In 1882, Circuit Pastor David Lebahn, who was conducting services in the Warner schoolhouse, organized a congregation of German Lutherans in Warner; and,

WHEREAS, On the sixth day of May, 1889, the Lutheran St. John Congregation of Warner was incorporated; and,

WHEREAS, In 1910, with the help of God and the guidance of Pastor William Kraushaar, St. John Congregation built and dedicated the church building which stands today as the house of worship; and,

WHEREAS, In February of 1925, the Congregation, respecting the heritage of its members, decided to have an all-English service on one Sunday and a service in both English and German the next Sunday; and,

WHEREAS, After building a basement, an entry, and a chancel, the Congregation rededicated the remodelled and enlarged the church in 1951; and,

WHEREAS, Across the century of Christian service, the unfailing faith of St. John Congregation has been a bulwark against tempests of Depression, wars, and hardships; and,

WHEREAS, St. John Lutheran Church celebrates this year its one-hundredth anniversary with private prayers and public service commensurate with the thanksgiving of its parishioners; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the Governor to commemorate this spiritual milestone in the life of the Warner community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the Great State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13, 1982

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WARNER CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota, and I hope that the St. John Congregation, the saints and works of the past may be an inspiration for the challenges of the future.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS ORIGINAL RECORD WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MATERIALS WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION.